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1. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD OFFICER OF WESTERN EMBASSY MAR 10 THAT RTG HAS REQUESTED MALAYSIA TO REASSURE CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIMIN IENG SARY DURING HIS VISIT THERE NEXT WEEK OF THAILAND'S DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. THAI HAVE ALSO ASKED MALAYSIANS TO TELL HIM THAT THAILAND IS HOPEFUL THAT BORDER PROBLEMS CAN BE ENDED. OFFICIAL NOTED THAT MALAYSIA IS ONE OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES RTG HAS ASKED TO SERVE AS INTEMEDIARNES WITH CAMBODIANS. (PRESUMABLY CHINESE DEMARCHE REPORTED REF A WAS ANOTHER.)

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2. INCIDENTALLY, COMMENT IN RANGOON'S VERY GOOD WRAP-UP IENG SARY'S VISIT THAT IT WAS HIS "FIRST BILATERAL VISIT TO ANY COUNTRY" SINCE APRIL, 1975 (REF B) IS NOT RPT NOT QUITE ACCURATE. ADMITTEDLY, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE FLUCTUATIONS HISTORICALLY IN CAMBODIAN-THAI RELATIONS THAN IN CAMBODIAN-BURMESE LINKS, BUT IEOG SARY DID MAKE A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BANGKOK IN LATE OCTOBER-EARLY NOVEMBER 1975,

PRIOR TO WHICH HE HAD VISITED OTHER COUNTIES, INCLUDING THE PRC, VIET-NAM, AND LAOS.

3. LATEST INCIDENT ALONG THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER OCCURRED MAR 11 WHEN GROUP OF THAI POLICE AND SOLDIERS VISITED ONE OF THE VILLAGES DESTROYED IN CAMBODIAN ATTACKS OF JAN 28 TO WATCH FOUR MEN ARRESTED IN MID-FEBRUARY ON SUSPICION OF PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE ON THE AREA TO KC BEFOREHAND, RE-ENACT THEIR ROLES. PERSONS LAYING IN WAIT--PRESUMABLY KC--AMBUSHED THE GROUP WHEN IT ARRIVED AT THE VILLAGE, KILLING ONE BPP TROOPER AND WOUNDING SIX SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN. DURING THE FIREFIGHT, THE POLICE CHIEF OF ARANYAPRATHET STEPPED ON A MINE AND LOST A LEG. BY THE TIME ARMY REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED, THE KC HAD DISAPPEARED. WHITEHOUSE

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